PRESIDENT: What happened really in regard to this matter was, that nobody ever bestowed much attention on tamarind fruits and on tamarind pods, until a number of exploiters and profiteers began to purchase great quantities of this stuff throughout India and it was then found out that this tamarind was being used in textile mills and in certain other particular trades. Then steps had to be taken to prevent the indiscriminate export of tamarind.

Agricultural Products.

173. ✻ **MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the following are cultivated in any part of the State:

(1) Bajree,
(2) Maize, and
(3) Groundnut?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: Bajree, Maize and Groundnut are not indigenous to Travancore. They are not grown on any appreciable scale in the State.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know from the honourable member whether maize or groundnut is cultivated anywhere in Travancore?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: These crops are not cultivated in large areas in Travancore.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Is it cultivated at all?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: Yes, Sir. To a small extent it is cultivated in Aramboly.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know from the honourable member whether the spelling given for the word 'bajree' is correct?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: Usually it is spelt B-a-j-r-a, but the correct spelling is B-a-j-r-e-e.

PRESIDENT: The Government of India has notified as B-a-j-r-a, but they must be wrong.

Expenses in connection with the shifting of the High Court.

174. ✻**MR. G. VELU PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state the total expenditure up-to-date in connection with the shifting of the High Court to the Sri Mulam Buildings?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): The expenditure incurred up-to-date under the High Court contingencies is Rs. 732-21-9. The total expenses incurred by Government can be ascertained only after the final bills are audited and passed.

Cashew cultivation in Travancore.

175. ✻**MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH** (*Vaikom cum Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the extent of cashew cultivation in Travancore;

(*b*) the quantity of nuts produced in Travancore during the years 1115, 1116 and 1117;

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[Mr. K. Dominic Joseph]

(c) the quantity of nuts imported into Travancore from outside during the above-said years : and

(d) the quantity and worth of cashew-nut products exported from Travancore during the above-said period ?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: (a) The area under cashew cultivation is 24,973 acres approximately;

(b) No information is available regarding the actual production during 1115, 1116 and 1117;

(c)

Year.		*Quantity (tons).*
1115	...	32,020
1116	...	43,953
1117	...	23,786

(d)

Year.	Cashew kernels.		Cashew shell oil.		Cashew nut.	
	Quantity. cwt.	Value. B. Rs.	Quantity. gls.	Value. B. Rs.	Quantity Tons	Value. B. Rs.
1115	2,25,806	99,69,155	..	...	613	86,284
1116	2,82 740	118,23,345	..	...	642	96,209
1117	2,32,260	91,87,581	1,05,544	5,57,988	37	5,483

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from Government whether they are aware that the figures showing the respective areas under cultivation of different crops shown in the Government Administration Report for the year 1117, are thoroughly misleading and incorrect? In the Administration Report, especially in the chapter on Agricultural Department, the figures given as the total area under paddy cultivation, total area under cashew-nut cultivation etc., even according to the Government publications for the previous years, are thoroughly misleading.

PRESIDENT: Before information can be passed on from one department to another, it takes some time.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: No, Sir. The honourable member, I presume, is pointing out the same difficulty as that which he pointed out to me at the recent Public Accounts Committee. He then drew my attention to the figures given in the Administration Report, where instead of a dot, a comma has been put in, so that in reading the figure, instead of one lakh and forty-five thousand, you will read——

PRESIDENT: Yes. It may mean 145. But the honourable Mr. Chief Secretary knows very well that our Statistical Department is very inefficient, and that the figures given by them are very inaccurate.

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MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: I wanted, by means of this supplementary question, to bring to the pointed attention of Government that the printing obtained in the Government Press is hopeless and unsatisfactory.

PRESIDENT: But why did the honourable member reserve this till the printing was done?

Increased cultivation of essential food crops.

176 *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the action taken by them to increase the production of essential food crops within the State?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: The measures taken by Government are:

1. Propaganda for extension of cultivation under the "Grow More Food Campaign" has been pushed forward vigorously by the officers of the Agricultural Department, with the result that there has been a 30% increase in the area under Tapioca during the past one year.

2. 21 manure depots were opened by the Agricultural Department in different parts of the State and manures to the aggregate value of over Rs. 60,000 were stocked in them and sold on cash and credit to farmers so far.

3. Hire purchase facilities for implements have been provided by the Department and many have availed themselves of the offer.

4. 34,000 acres of Forest Reserves have been released for being leased out for definite periods for raising food crops.

5. 10,000 acres of Lake Reclamations, left fallow by cultivators, were taken up by Government and leased out for cultivation of paddy in 1118.

6. 600 acres of single crop lands in North Travancore have been converted into double crop lands through Lift Irrigation by means of Electric Power from the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Project. Arrangements have been made to extend the area so as to cover 2000 acres.

7. A scheme to grow pulses in the off season after the Kumbhom harvest in South Travancore was put into operation during the current year and 200 acres came under it. It is expected that at least 1000 acres will come under it next year and arrangements to supply seeds are being made.

8. A scheme to lease out water-free areas of tank beds for vegetable growing in the off season has been put into operation. 50 tank beds were leased out this year.

9. A programme of developing minor irrigation facilities in Central Travancore has been worked out and funds to the extent of Rs. 50,000 have been sanctioned.

10. A scheme to manufacture compost on a large scale out of Town and market sweepings has been put into operation under the supervision of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research and partly financed by them. A scheme to make organic compost for distribution in rural areas has been launched jointly by the Forest and Agricultural

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